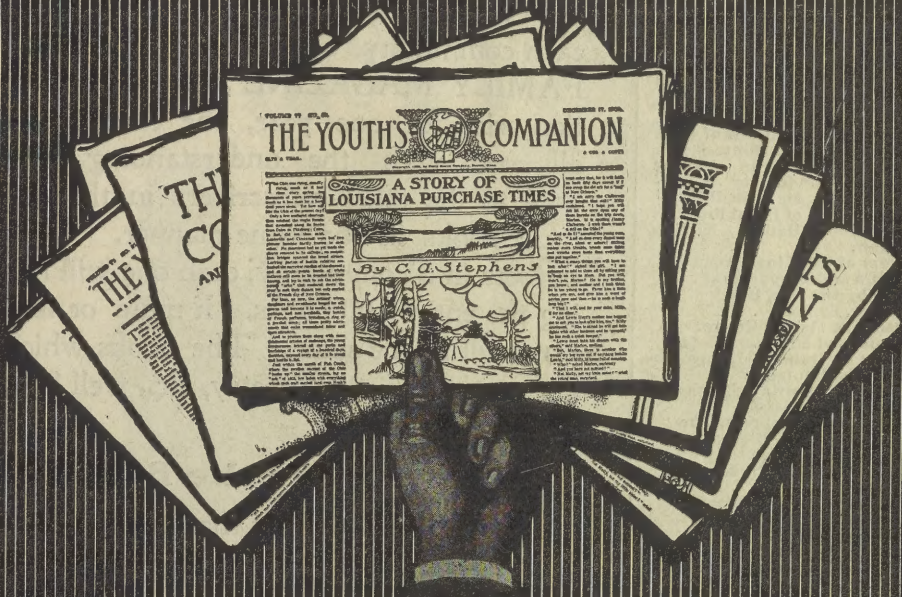


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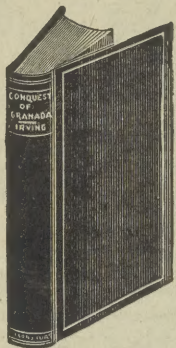
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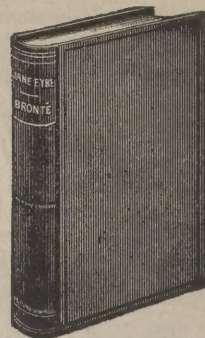
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Perennial Larkspurs.



OO HIGH praise can scarcely be given to the Perennial Larkspurs, or Delphiniums, for they are among the most showy and satisfactory plants grown. The foliage is clean and pretty, the habit of growth strong, and the plant tall and stately. They are easily grown, provided the soil is fairly rich and plenty of water given them during the growing season.

On account of their height they are finely adapted for the herbaceous border and for growing along fences, and they are very effective in beds or masses. They can be propagated from seed, or cuttings of the young growth in early spring, or division of the roots. When planting, the crown of the plant should be placed about two inches below the surface. If left undisturbed for several years the plants will increase in size, becoming a large clump or mass and producing great quantities of bloom. A good clump will often measure six feet around, with eight or ten spikes of the richest blue flowers four feet or more in height. By cutting the flowering stems to the ground as soon as the blossoms have withered, a second growth will spring up and the season of bloom can thus be prolonged from the middle of June to the middle of October. A plant will sometimes produce four crops of blossoms, but the spikes will not all be as large as the first. Copious watering with liquid manure, during dry weather, will tend to make the spikes of bloom taller.

Blue flowers are none too plenty, and of the summer-blooming ones the Delphiniums are the grandest. The color varies through almost every shade of blue from the palest, silvery tint to the most intense hue. Delphinium formosum is the most brilliant blue, and when grown in masses produces a magnificent effect. A bed of mixed light and dark blue Delphiniums, forty or more feet long and ten feet wide, in a charming old-fashioned garden, presented a most beautiful sight when in full bloom. There is a scarlet variety, also a pale yellow one, and recently a pure white kind has been introduced, but the blue-flowered ones are still the favorites. The Delphiniums blossom at the same time as the Candidum Lilies, and when the two are planted near each other the effect is very pleasing, and the blossoms blend beautifully as cut flowers.

There are both single and double forms of the Perennial Larkspurs. The single blossoms with their intense coloring, curiously bearded petals which so resemble a bee half buried in the flower that the common name Bee Larkspur is very generally applied to them, and their long spurs, are the most

showy, but some of the double forms have the most beautiful blendings of shades and colors. A double blossom pale blue in color with white center, is lovely, and the same tint with a center of pinkish lavender is positively exquisite, a rare and never-to-be-forgotten combination in a flower.

The bumblebees are lovers of the Delphiniums, and so frequent are their visits and so well do they perform the task of cross fertilization by carrying the pollen from flower to flower, that it is impossible to be certain of reproducing any particular variety from seed. The only way to be sure of obtaining the same variety is by propagat-

handsome species easily grown, and very robust. The long, narrow, green leaves, a foot or more in length, are abundantly produced, and sometimes are completely dusted over with a yellow pollen-like dust while the underside of the leaf is downy white. The leaves are continuously produced all summer. But it is in early spring, when the plants commence to throw up their round globular heads of lovely blue flowers on stems nearly a foot long, that their real and true beauty is apparent to all. A blue primula seems an oddity, and a bed of them in full bloom during the last days of March is so attractive after the long, dreary days of winter, that it is not easily forgotten.

Last spring they were a surprise to many noted florists around Philadelphia on account of their hardiness and early blooming qualities. The fact is, they bloom so early that they are apt to be caught and the flowers damaged by freezing, consequently care must be taken to guard against this by covering them nights when there is danger of frost. Of course they would not bloom so early as this further North, but I feel confident they would be quite hardy.

It is said by some European growers that it is not a good perennial, but even should this prove to be the case it is so easily raised from seed that this should prove to be no barrier, as seed germinates rapidly and freely and produces good flowering plants the second year from seed. The seed being very fine should be carefully sown in a pan or box of finely prepared soil, and the plants should be picked off singly as soon as they are large enough to handle, into boxes or a small frame where they can be protected for a while or until they are large enough to be transplanted into their permanent quarters. This should be a semi-shaded place having a cool, rich, deep, moist soil or where moisture can be readily supplied by watering. Here they should be planted eight to twelve inches apart and allowed to remain till their blooming period is past. A white flowering form has been produced and no doubt will soon make its appearance in the trade. It is identical with the above except in the color of the flowers, which is nearly white. From an ordinary package of seed a few white forms may be looked for.

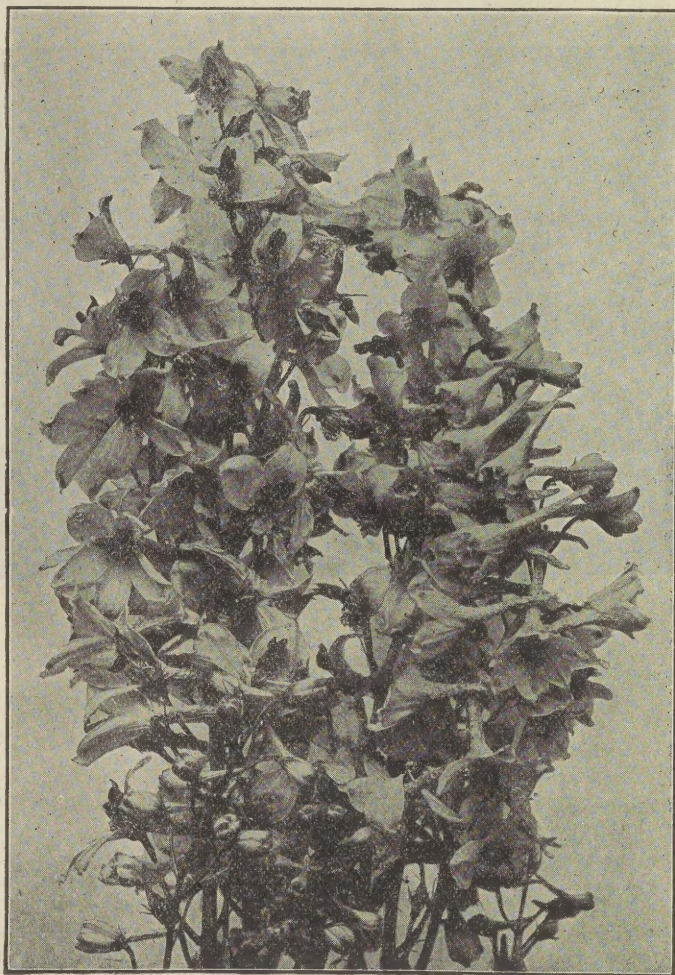
Herbert Greensmith.

Riverton, N. J.

In October.

"The crisp, pure air, the clear and mellow light;
The deep, cool, shady nooks behind the woods:
The showy fringe upon the hem o' the year
Of purple asters and the goldenrods;
The spicy smell of apples and wild grapes
Along the country road; the film of sound
Rising from myriad insects in the fields;
The distant chorus of tumultuous crows;
The lowlands white with frost at early morn
Among the yellow, brown and crimson hills."

Selected.



PERENNIAL LARKSPURS.

ing from division of the roots or from cuttings. October is the best time for transplanting the Delphiniums.

Florence Beckwith.

Primula Cashmeriana.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Last spring I told your readers of the merits and beauties of Primula Cortusoides Sieboldi; now I wish to call their attention to Primula Cashmeriana, the Himalayan Primrose. It is a very



Prepare for the Springtime.

Nature will not be hurried. Seedtime and harvest follow each other in due succession, but if we want flowers in the springtime, especially the beautiful daffodils and tulips, we must prepare our beds, secure our bulbs and plant them in the fall.

All the narcissus family are beautiful, and one sometimes wishes to possess the purse of Fortunatus, so as to be able to try some of the new and tempting varieties each year, or, at least, to have all one would like of the old and truly reliable sorts. It is no wonder they are favorites, for even a picture of daffodils brings a vision of brightness, and the fragrance of springtime seems to greet us as we gaze at it.

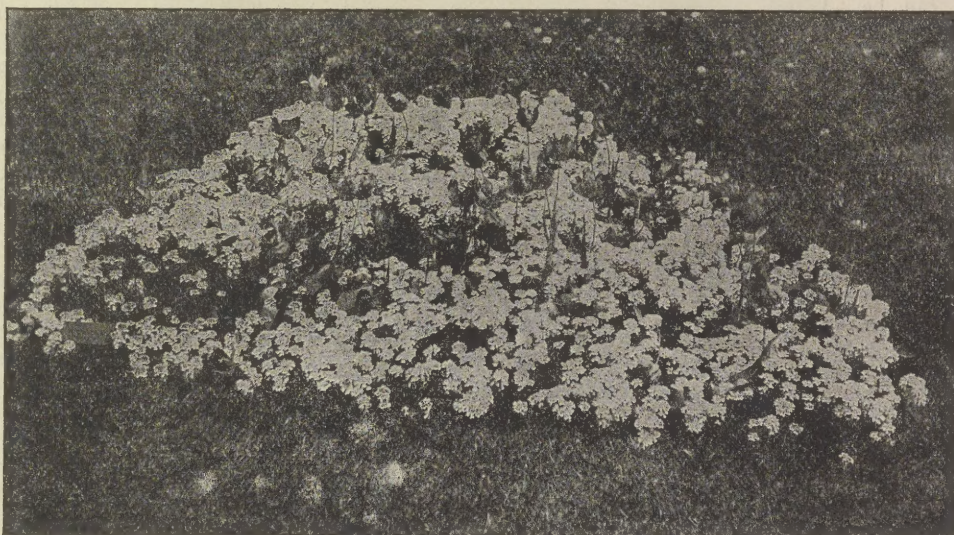
There are few gardens which do not contain some of these old-time favorites, and one cannot have too many of them for they show to best advantage when planted in clumps or masses, either in the grass, in beds, or as a border. They do nicely when planted in sod, but it should be in some rather wild place where the grass does not need to be cut until the leaves of the daffodils have turned yellow and died down, as the bulbs are injured if the foliage is cut while still green. When planting in grass, cut and turn back the sod, plant the bulb and tread the covering again into place. As the soil below turf is inclined to be poor, it is a good plan to take out some of the earth and fill in with richer material, but fresh manure should never be used. Well-rotted cow manure thoroughly mixed with earth answers the purpose best, and some unmixed soil should be placed next to the bulb. Scatter the bulbs in clumps at irregular distances, as Nature would do were she planting them, and the effect will be much more picturesque than when they are planted singly. They increase rapidly and only ask to be let alone in order to make a good showing. They will flourish even under adverse conditions, but if properly planted in a suitable location they will very soon give a good account of themselves. They should be set six to eight inches deep and three to four inches apart. Do not keep the bulbs of *Narcissus poeticus* out of the ground longer than absolutely necessary.

Among the three hundred or more beautiful varieties of the lovely daffodils, it is difficult to make a choice, but the freest bloomer and the one with sweetest perfume is *Narcissus poeticus*, or Poet's Narcissus. The snowy white blossoms with small, daintily crimped, cream-colored cups edged with a delicate fringe of red are exceedingly attractive, and the delicious fragrance lends an additional charm. This name was given by Linnaeus, on account of the frequent mention of the Narcissus by the poets. The red-edged cup has given the flower another common name, the

Pheasant's Eye Narcissus.

The blossoms of *Narcissus poeticus* are beautiful for decorative purposes. The flowers will last much longer if the buds are cut just as they are opening, before they are exposed to the sun. When sending to friends always do this, as the blossoms will arrive in better condition and will open out perfectly when put into water.

The Poet's Narcissus is perfectly hardy, but a mulching of straw is advisable in winter; it should, however, be removed early in the spring. Do not disturb the clumps of bulbs for several years, until they become so matted as to make a division necessary, or shows signs of exhaustion. The bulbs can be procured at very low rates,



PARROT TULIPS AND EVERGREEN CANDYTUFT.

especially when bought by the hundred. If planted in a well-sheltered, sunny location, they will blossom earlier than when in the shade.

Over the tulips we hesitate, hardly knowing which varieties to choose. The early flowering ones are so gay and seem to welcome the spring so joyously, that we feel we can hardly pass them by. To show to the best advantage they should be planted in masses. They include a great variety of colors, but beds of red, white, and yellow planted in bands or rows have been quite favorites for the past few years, and they are certainly very effective in the way of display.

The double tulips have quite as great a range of colors as the single ones, and the blossoms are more lasting. The flowers are large and massive and they make a fine

display, but, if I could not afford very many bulbs, I would certainly prefer the single tulips to the double ones, though I admit that it is solely a question of taste.

The late tulips are among the choicest varieties. They have the tallest flower stems, the blossoms are the most regular in shape, and the range of colors is unsurpassed. While they are not as showy as some other varieties, they are very attractive. Some of them are blotched, striped and feathered with various colors on white, yellow, red, and brown ground. They are very fine for cutting, and the more closely one observes them the more their beauty is appreciated.

The true *Gesneriana* is one of the most desirable varieties. In color it is the most brilliant crimson-scarlet with a deep blue-black center. The flower stem is tall, the blossoms large and perfect in form. When grown in masses the effect is magnificent.

But the gayest of all the tulips are the parrots. Nothing could be more gorgeous than a bed of these quaint and peculiarly shaped blossoms, with their curiously slashed and twisted petals and their brilliant colors. Red, green, yellow, and scarlet are mingled and combined in apparently the most reckless manner, but produce a harmonious though gorgeous effect.

A very pretty way of planting the parrot tulips is with the hardy evergreen candytuft, *Iberis sempervirens*, as shown in our illustration. The candytuft blooms in May, at the same time as the tulips, and the contrast of the gorgeous blossoms of the latter with the dark green foliage and pure white flowers of the *Iberis* is truly beautiful. The tulip blossoms rise a foot or more above the candytuft, and as they sway back and forth in the gentle spring breezes, they make a charming sight.

Tulip bulbs are not expensive, and for a very modest sum such a collection can be obtained as will make a bright and cheering outlook wherever planted, whether in beds or in borders.

Florence Beckwith.

The Soul of a Butterfly.

Over the fields where the brown quail whistles,
Over the fens where the rabbits lie,
Floats the tremulous down of a thistle,
Is it the soul of a butterfly?

See how they scatter and then assemble,
Filling the air while the blossoms fade—
Delicate atoms that whirl and tremble
In the slanting sunlight that skirts the glade.

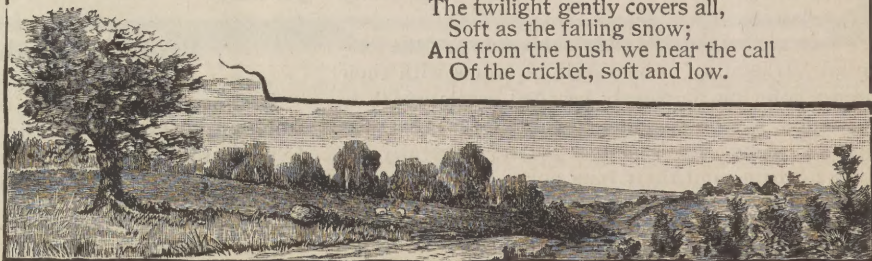
Thomas Wentworth Higginson

The Close of Day.

(A prize poem in our recent contest. By C. M. Agard.)

The sun descending in the west
Sends back a golden ray,
Which painted on a light cloud's crest
Marks the departing day.

The twilight gently covers all,
Soft as the falling snow;
And from the bush we hear the call
Of the cricket, soft and low.



Hyacinths.

(A prize article in our recent contest.)

I had always loved hyacinths and wished I had a bed of them; but when one is in love with the whole floral kingdom, at times she hesitates to open the new Floral Guides. Knowing there are so many varieties one must have, a special plant seems almost beyond the reach of the average busy housewife.

Several years ago, however, I began a collection of hyacinths by buying a dozen of the mixed bulbs at a time, as they are sold much cheaper in that way. A few nice large bulbs were yearly kept indoors and potted singly in pound baking-powder cans in soil composed of two parts rich loam and one part sand well mixed. For six weeks these were put away in a cool dark place and kept moderately moist to form roots, then brought gradually to the light and heat, and the lovely waxen bells made bright and fragrant our home for weeks in winter. These bulbs I put out in the bed in spring; they will not, of course, bloom again until another year, but soon recuperate and form good bedding bulbs.

I secured many fine kinds in the mixed collections, and then each year have added a few of the very best named varieties. The soil in the bed is composed of good garden loam, and each year, in the fall, is covered with a compost of thoroughly rotted manure to the depth of two or three inches; this serves a double purpose, that of protection and also fertilizing the bed from year to year.

Although hyacinths are perfectly hardy with us (western New York) I find that they do much better mulched, as their vitality is preserved to a greater degree, and the blossoms are much larger and finer. Hyacinths reproduce rapidly with good care. I found this very much in evidence when a year ago last spring I noticed the bulbs were getting too thick, and so the following fall they were taken up,—the collection of three years. They were as fine a lot of bulbs as I ever saw, filling two large pans. I separated them and there were enough to more than fill a bed twice as large as the first one. Last spring this bed was one mass of bloom. All colors were represented and my pen fails to describe their loveliness.

Although possessing several dollars' worth of bulbs now, their value is not expressed in dollars and cents. We have all learned to watch for their bloom and as I write, although it is cold and wintery without within, the room is filled with the delicate fragrance of some fine potted varieties. Among the very best named varieties I have found King of the Blues, Queen of the Blues (single blue), Prince of Saxe Weimar (double blue), Blanchard (single white), Prince of Waterloo (double white), Goethe (double yellow), Gertrude (single pink), Bouquet Royal (double rose)

Ella F. Flanders.

October Planting.

(One of our prize articles.)

October is the month for several sorts of planting and transplanting in the flower garden; hardy shrubs and roses should be transplanted now. Soak the ground well around the plants, then with sharp spade cut all around them, a spade deep at least. Have the new place deeply spaded, pulverized and well enriched; if not naturally well drained, remove the soil for two or three feet, place crockery, brick bats, coarse gravel and charcoal, either one or all, to the depth of six inches, then throw back the prepared soil, make an exca-

vation in the center for the plant, carefully place it therein, water, fill in with soil, and firm well. Prune as much as the roots were pruned in removing; to be on the safe side, prune quite closely. Treated thus, and given a good mulch of coarse manure or forest leaves these shrubs should come through the winter in fine shape, and give quite a good many blossoms next season.

Daffodils and Narcissus should have been planted before this, but if carefully set now in well prepared beds, they will give a fair harvest of sweetness next spring. Our October planted Daffys gave us rich returns in their yellow flowers last spring.



When the Leaves are off the Trees.

Winner of the second prize in our recent contest.

Loud the call of "southward ho!"
Feathered troops, in flocks they go,
Swallows dipping from the eaves,
Bare the branches now of leaves,
Purple carpets, lined with gold
Swept in many a shifting fold,
Woodbine swinging in the breeze,
"When the leaves are off the trees."

Country lad, he loves the day,
When the last leaf blows away,
Loves the cry of "southward ho!"
Minds not, that the song-birds go
Cares not, that the golden rod
Casts its flame-flakes o'er the sod;
Coming mirth and joy he sees
"When the leaves are off the trees."

Scents the breath of frost and hail
Fancies icy coat of mail,
Binding brook and sheathing pond,
Crystalizing all beyond;
Dreams of firs with jewels hung
Sparkling their green depths among;
Ermined all the world he sees
When the leaves are off the trees."

Country lad, all hail! God speed,
Up the path where fate may lead.
When the fancies of today,
Like the leaves, have blown away,
When life's song-birds all have flown,
With the joys that you have known,

And the snow-king's hand has flung
Frost your clustering locks among,
May your soul though tempest tossed,
Crystal clear, be white as frost;
Then—your dreams be sweet as these
When the leaves are off life's trees.

By Carabel Lewis Munger.

This is quite as good a time to put out crocuses, hyacinths and tulips as is September, often a better time, for there is more leisure and the annuals are out of the way; the summer bulbs are stored, also, so we have more room. Where one takes up the tulips and hyacinths as soon as the foliage yellows in the spring, it is quite a good plan to bed some where the cannas or dahlias grew through the summer. Usually the soil is in the prime of fitness to receive the bulbs. Better select the

early blooming varieties, then they will be ready to dig and store before time to put out the summer plants.

Don't be afraid of putting on too much mulch, after the ground freezes, provided, it is the right sort; coarse litter principally, or forest leaves.

Perhaps there is no month in the year so good for putting out Sweet William plants and Hollyhocks; they will be in the best of shape for next season's blooming, if they are planted carefully, and are given a winter mulch.

Sow seeds of such annuals as Verbenas, Pinks, Petunias, Nicotiana, Morning-glories and Sweet Peas; they will come in bloom much earlier, and will stand drouth better.—*Mrs. Emma Clearwaters.*

Autumn Leaves and Flowers.

(A prize winner in our late contest.)

Nature a crown of beauty weaves
For autumn, out of forest leaves,
But soon they fall and fade away;
Then gather handfuls while we may.

Yes, begin early in the season to gather the beautiful leaves, selecting a variety of colors and shades. What can exceed the beauty of the maple leaves in their varied hues of green, red, yellow and brown?

Gather and press them with great care that they may be perfectly smooth. When dry, varnish them lightly with the best varnish and they will keep bright for years, and will be beautiful to use with flowers or evergreen for winter decorations. They are also lovely, if tastefully arranged for picture ornaments.

Helichrysums are beautiful to use with varnished leaves or evergreen when other flowers are gone, and I often wonder why people don't have more of them. True, they do not make a garden look so attractive as some flowers, as they need to be cut before the blossoms are fully open, but when one has plenty of garden room they can be grown in a back yard. Where the seasons are short, the seeds should be planted in the house and transplanted into the garden as soon as the weather will permit. They also grow well in medium sized flower pots, as the roots are small, and they can be taken into the house, where, with proper care, they will continue to blossom in the winter. They are lovely for bouquets to give our friends at Christmas time.

Another flower, one which is now quite extensively cultivated is the dahlia. These flowers can be easily grown from seeds and if one has no flower garden, they will grow and blossom in small firkins or flower pots. There are many varieties and the blossoms make elegant bouquets in their season. If I had room for only a few, I would not omit the kind which has several different colored blossoms from the same root. If desired early, the bulbs should be planted early in the house. Give them a moist place in the garden, make the ground very rich, and you will have plenty of blossoms. Dig the bulbs before the ground freezes in the fall, let them dry a day in the sun and pack in boxes in the cellar for another year.

There are so many other beautiful flowers, they gladden our hearts all the year, and we often say, Thank God that when He made the world He did not forget the flowers. I pity the person who can see no beauty in them, but considers them useless and thinks it a waste of time to care for them. *Mrs. A. R. Perham.*

The September number of the magazine is fine.—*M. D. C.*
—Canandaigua, N. Y.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



Plant Some Bulbs Out Doors.

If you have a good, big yard, in which there is not a single bed of tulips or hyacinths, plant some bulbs out of doors. If your yard is small, but lacking in crocuses and narcissi, also plant a judicious number of bulbs. The work may be done any time from now to December, but always preferably in this month, so that the different specimens may get well established before freezing weather. Crocuses, snowdrops, scilla siberica, etc., arrive almost with the first robin and bluebird; and tulips, narcissi and the rest are also harbingers of Spring.

Perhaps last April you admired your neighbors' tulips, hyacinths, etc., and resolved to have a goodly number of your own, another year? Now is the right time to carry out those resolves. One can never appreciate spring-blooming bulbs, or in fact, any class of plants, until she grows them in her own yard, where she can observe and care for them in a satisfactory, companionable way. Unless originally unsound or prevented by accident, all bulbs mentioned in this paper will do more than well in the average dooryard, under almost anyone's care. Every one who owns a home ought to have several dozens of each separate variety. Whenever possible, it is cheaper to buy them by the hundred.

It is advisable to plant hyacinths, tulips and narcissi in plots by themselves. Also, the early and late or single and double varieties of any class of bulbs would better be kept separate. In making a bulb bed, choose a place where the ground is mellow. Or, if the soil is hard in texture and poorly drained, remove it to the depth of eighteen inches, and in the bottom of the excavation put a five-inch layer of coarse gravel or coal ashes, for drainage. This, of course, should be done after deciding the size and shape of the bed. Cover the drainage material with leaves, straw or decayed, unpulverized manure, and fill to within about four inches of the top with mellow, prepared soil. This can be made by mixing one part each of decomposed manure, leaf mould and sand with two parts of friable, turfy loam from an old meadow. Or, decayed stable compost and mellow garden soil may alone be used. After making the earth in the excavation reasonably firm, smooth it over evenly; the bulbs are to be planted on this. If you have a basket of sand handy, put a quantity under and around each specimen. This procedure is not always necessary; but if it is followed, the bulbs can form roots more readily. Sand is also supposed to prevent decay. A generous layer of it could be spread over the soil in the bed before any of the bulbs are planted.

Good, big hyacinths, tulips and narcissi should be set five or six inches apart each way, while medium-sized bulbs will do well four inches from each other. The bases of all the above should be placed about four inches under the surface of the soil. Crocuses, snowdrops and similar small bulbs may be planted two or three inches apart and three deep. When all are set in their rows, cover carefully with the prepared soil, pressing it evenly around them. The surface of the plot should be left a little higher than the surrounding ground, so that surplus water may run off instead of sinking down. Bulbs are generally planted in direct sunlight, but they will also do well in shade, if it is not too dense.

In many yards the soil is all that it should be, and no excavation will need to be dug nor compost prepared. Beds that were originally made for annuals or other flowers, can be planted to bulbs. Remove the top soil to a certain depth, and set the specimens as directed elsewhere. Or, the soil can be spaded deep and mellow, raked smooth and even, and a small hole made with the trowel for the admission of each bulb. This is a longer, more tiresome and usually less satisfactory method than the other. Late in the fall, when the ground begins to freeze, put a covering of decayed stable compost over the bulb beds. Leaves may also be used. They should be held down by evergreen branches. Remove none of the protecting material until April.

Desirable Kinds.

Spring-blooming bulbs are all so beautiful and satisfactory that it is difficult to say which kind is the most desirable. However, I think that the



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tulip gives the largest and most brilliant show for the money. Hyacinths, of course, have many bright and pleasing colors but the bulbs are costlier than tulips, a fact which will probably be considered by flower growers. The narcissus, although very beautiful, does not fully meet the requirements of most people; and, everything considered, the tulip seems to be about the most desirable bulb of its class. This is especially so if one is a beginner.

Have a good, big bed of single, mixed tulips. If the colors should happen to be inharmonious, you can pick the flowers. Also have several dozens each of the different single and double named kinds. These are, in every way, all that could be desired, and will prove a revelation to those who have never seen or grown them. A plot of late show, and parrot tulips, should also be a feature of every large yard. If grown in partial shade, the former will frequently be in flower on

Memorial Day. Tulips are often used to border the walk that leads from the door to the street. They can also be planted close up around the base of a veranda, or around the house proper, provided that the eaves do not prevent.

The different varieties of narcissus are likewise pleasing when disposed of in the manner suggested. This bulb, by the way, is rarely spoken of as highly as it deserves. The white and gold blossoms are rich in poetic beauty, and their fragrance is perhaps unrivalled. Any one who has more money and more ground than he knows what to do with, can make few better uses of both than to procure all the different varieties of this flower, and devote a portion of his garden to their welfare. The narcissus is seen at its best only when a number are grown together. There are so many excellent kinds, both single and double, that a very beautiful and note-worthy collection could be made.

The above is true regarding all bulbs and plants. If one takes a decided fancy to hyacinths, for instance, he might profitably make a specialty of growing that bulb. I believe in having specialties among flowers. There is no need to grow something you don't like when there are any number of flowers you do like. Real success comes only when we find something we regard with favor and stick to it. The hyacinth, it may be added, is a very respectable and obliging bulb, and will rarely disappoint if given half a chance. It comes early and stays until well into May. The colors are fine, and make very pleasing ribbon beds. Next to the tulip, the hyacinth is the most showy flower of its class.

Crocuses, grape hyacinths, snowdrops, chionodoxas, and scilla siberica can be grown in little beds by themselves, or planted in clumps along the shrubby border, or here and there on the lawn. They can also be used to border other beds, if one wishes. Snowdrops and scilla look well when grown side by side; white and blue always make a pleasing combination. Crocuses, in white, mauve, yellow, and purple are capable of being made into very beautiful ribbon beds. Small plots are usually preferable to large ones; and, if circular in shape, be sure to order a more generous supply of the variety that is to occupy the outside of the bed than of the others.

Every garden, especially if large, is incomplete without a number of lilies. During the fall is the best time to plant them. Any florist's catalogue will advise you as to the best varieties. Be sure to include *lilium auratum* and *speciosum rubrum* in your order. Lilies do best in ground that is rich and perfectly drained. If many are to be planted in one bed, it is advisable to excavate a number of inches of the soil, and proceed as directed elsewhere. Plant the bulbs about eight inches deep and at least a foot apart. Surround each specimen with clean sand; and, late in the fall cover the bed with a mulch of decomposed manure. Narcissi seem to do very well in a soil in which there is not a particle of stable compost.

Seasonable Suggestions.

At the North, the work of protecting the plants that have bloomed in our gardens during the summer, must be begun this month. Tender roses, as well as geraniums, heliotropes and the like, in plunged pots, should be lifted and carried to the

(Continued on page twenty-three.)

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



October.

THE FLIGHT OF THE BIRDS

WHITHER away, Robin,
Whither away?
Is it through envy of the maple-leaf,
Whose blushes mock the crimson of thy breast,
Thou wilt not stay?
The summer days were long, yet all too brief
The happy season thou hast been our guest;
Whither away?
Whither away, Bluebird,
Whither away?
The blast is chill, yet in the upper sky
Thou still canst find the color of thy wing,
The hue of May.
Warbler, why speed thy southern flight? Ah, why,
Thou too, whose song first told us of the Spring?
Whither away?
Whither away, Swallow,
Whither away?
Canst thou no longer tarry in the North,
Here, where our roof so well hath
Screened thy nest?
Not one short day?
Wilt thou—as if thou human wert—go forth
And wanton far from them who love thee best?
Whither away?
—Edmund Clarence Stedman.

Once more the wonder of the migrations is before us. Day and night they are going on, and after one's eyes are opened to such sights we notice them more and more and detect differences from year to year. This year the robins were unusually abundant and began to flock uncommonly early. By the last week in August I noticed them all about the lawns in Rochester, and the crowds seem to have been increasing ever since.

The swallow family begin very early to think of warmer climes where there is an abundance of insect life in the air, and early flock and early take their leave of us. It is a common error to class our familiar friend the chimney swift as a swallow. It is no doubt the similarity of their appearance in flight which causes this confusion, and the fact that they live constantly in the air. Strange as it may seem, the swifts are in their structure more closely allied to the humming birds than to the swallows. After you have once noted in your mind the absence of a prominent tail in the swift, you can distinguish it easily in the air. It has a "sawed-off" appearance and would be ungainly were it not for its exquisite motions on the wing.

While the swallows leave early, the swifts stay late. I see from my notebook that they were here as late as October 20. They are generally



RED WINGED BLACKBIRD.

qualities which make our familiar birds attractive, but they are most devoted parents. They are indefatigable in their care of the young, which are most unpleasant little objects, and many pretty stories of the mother's devotion to deformed or injured birds, are told. Perhaps the mother holds herself responsible, for the nest is such a very frail and small affair that not only is it a frequent occurrence for the eggs to roll out, but the little birds as well. There are only four varieties of swifts known in North America, but distributed over the whole globe there are as many as seventy-five species.

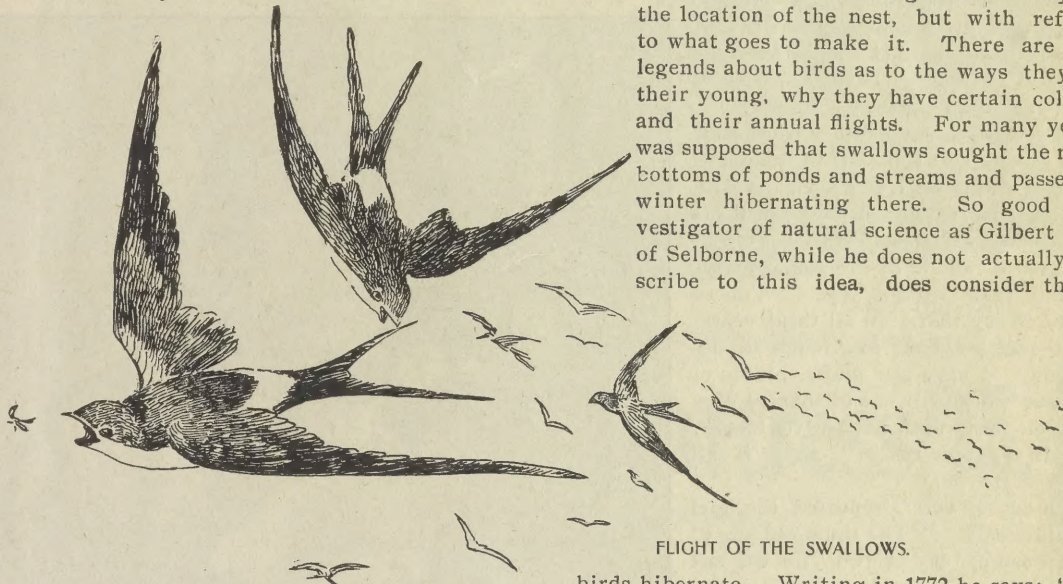
Bright days in October, those when it is pleasant to sit in the sun and bask, often yield up unexpected delights in the way of birds and flowers. All our common dooryard friends are with us, robin, bluebird, catbird and song sparrow, while a walk afield will show many other species. Till the middle of October the goldfinch is lively and musical, and I expect the parula, Maryland yellow-throat and myrtle warblers. The chickadee, both the golden and ruby-crowned kinglets, cuckoos, kingfishers and sapsuckers, are by no means uncommon. The flute-

very noisy at this time of year, or perhaps they are more noticeable because of the lack of other birds. At any rate you may hear their chatter all day long, as in small bodies of five or more they pursue their never-ending quest of insects. The swifts seem to be without many of the



hop, like so many of our familiar birds, but in their search for food, which they pursue on the ground for hours at a time, they walk and scratch and behave very much as the fox sparrow does. You can hear him scratching among the dead leaves for a half hour at a time, for under these dead leaves is many a fat worm or juicy morsel.

The woodpeckers, downy and hairy, look particularly pretty at this time of year, the scarlet tuft of feathers on their heads being quite in tune with the fall season. The red-winged blackbirds also seem to have their epaulets more conspicuous than they were in summer, and when swinging on a dry brown reed these birds are very ornamental. Nor are they silent; the male still calls his "O-ka-lee," and the female answers in some of her numerous notes. These birds have a great variety of both single and groups of notes. You would not imagine how many till you spend half a day on the edge of a marsh and listen to the family conversation. She may be quite inconspicuous, but her voice has weight in the councils, and she has the casting vote not only as to the location of the nest, but with reference to what goes to make it. There are many legends about birds as to the ways they rear their young, why they have certain coloring, and their annual flights. For many years it was supposed that swallows sought the muddy bottoms of ponds and streams and passed the winter hibernating there. So good an investigator of natural science as Gilbert White of Selborne, while he does not actually subscribe to this idea, does consider that the



FLIGHT OF THE SWALLOWS.

like tones of the white-throated sparrow float out from the shrubbery on the lawn or in some woodland thicket, not with the rich fulness of his summer song, but wavering and faint, as if he said, "summer is going and so am I." These birds come to Rochester and its vicinity in large flocks in the fall, and I've seen them on Long Island in abundance. Many people know them by their song, which is easily whistled, and only the other day a man who goes annually to Canada to hunt, asked me if I knew what the bird was that had this song. Then he whistled the few soft sad notes and I was able to "name his bird."

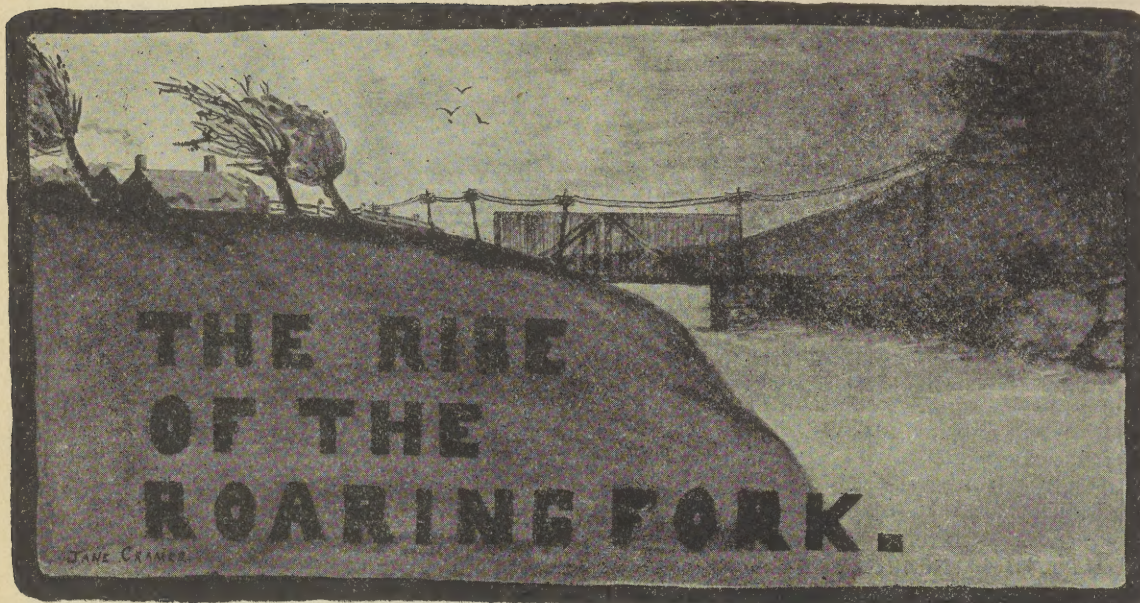
About the latter half of the month the juncos show their pretty and modest coats in fair numbers. They are in flocks, and sometimes will sing very prettily. They do not amount to much as soloists but when twenty or thirty sing at a time they are charming. I observed hundreds of these birds last autumn, and like the song sparrow they can walk if they please. Their usual gait is a

birds hibernate. Writing in 1772 he says: "I am more and more induced to believe that many of the swallow kind do not depart from this island; but lay themselves up in holes and caverns; and do, insect-like and bat-like, come forth at mild times, and then retire again to their holes." The habit of swallows flying low over bodies of water to seek their prey, no doubt gave rise to this idea.

In fact, it is curious to watch these birds sometimes in the spring. If, after they get here, there comes a violent storm of rain and wind lasting for several days, they will apparently disappear, and remain hidden till more agreeable weather tempts them forth again.

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A LONG period of intense heat and the utter lack of rain, had combined to render life a burden in the valley of the "Roaring Fork." If the eye involuntarily sought the earth as a relief from the blinding glare of the sky above, it encountered only long stretches of white powdery roads and fields, scorched by weeks of drought. The leaves, even on the topmost branches of the trees hung motionless in the sultry air. The railway, with its lines of steel glittering in the sunshine looked like some huge serpent, winding in and out among the hills. A little back from the track, beneath a large tree, stood a young girl talking with a young man in an engineer's blouse.

"It's no use to say another word Ret. You're too angry to listen to reason!"

"Say rather, that I've grown too wise to listen to a falsehood, and you'll hit nearer the mark, Dick Foster."

Indignation shone in the young man's eyes and rang in his voice. "You've no right to say that. In all these years, did you ever know me to attempt to deceive you? I have my faults, plenty of them, but lying isn't one of them. Why can't you bear with me a little longer, Ret? In a day or two, I'll make it all straight with you."

"In a day or two," repeated the girl contemptuously. "The same old story! It has been a 'day or two,' for the last six months."

"But I'm asking you now for the last time. If you'll only have patience I will explain it all."

"I have been patient, Heaven knows; I've stood your fooling altogether too long. Try the shoe on the other foot, Dick Foster, and see how you like it. Suppose I had been for over a year, little by little, getting to spend more and more of my spare time at a house where there was some other young man! Suppose you had set your heart, as I did last week, on going to a picnic and you had begged me to go with you, and I had pretended that I had some important business to keep me home; and then, suppose you had found out that I had spent the entire evening at the house where this same young man was."

The girl had been punching little

holes in the dry earth with the point of her sun umbrella until the ground around them was honeycombed. She paused to get her breath and then went on excitedly. "And then,—everytime you had asked me about it, not angrily, but pleasantly enough—suppose I had made light of it, and pooh-poohed, and kept on putting you off with one excuse and another, until it had got to be the talk of the town, how I cared nothing for you and was going to throw you off for the other fellow?"



"Here's your pledge, Dick Foster, I am tired and sick of it and all that it means."

The torrent of words stopped suddenly, and staggering back a few steps, Ret leaned wearily against the tree and tilting up the sailor hat, brushed back the damp, clustering rings of hair.

The young man looked down at the limp, girlish figure. "Suppose all these things and a thousand more," he said gravely "still, I would have believed in you against the whole world, and you know it. As for Dora Sheldon"—he stepped forward and caught the girl by the hand, "a whole universe of Dora Sheldons, wouldn't weigh in the balance beside this little finger of the only girl I ever loved! Why won't you believe me Ret? To see her father is the only business that takes me to that house."

Ret snatched away her hand angrily. "If he were young like you, that might pass for an excuse; but old John Sheldon! bent like a hoop from everlastingly dreaming over a lot of good-for-nothing patents and inventions. I must say, it's queer taste that would choose a quiet talk with an old stupid like him before a picnic and a moonlight sail on the lake."

The young man drew a long breath. "It's pretty hard lines Ret, if a girl can't trust the man she has promised to marry."

Ret had been nervously fingering a ring which she wore, twirling it round and round. "It is hard," she said abruptly, "so hard that I don't care to try it any longer." She drew off the ring. "Here's your pledge, Dick Foster. I'm tired and sick of it and all that it means."

The young man stared at her speechless. Her cheeks were crimson and there was an ominous line of white around the pretty mouth. With a tragic sweep of the hand she held out the golden circlet. "Take it and be gone," she ordered.

Dick clutched the hand so roughly that the girl uttered a sharp cry. As he relaxed his hold the ring dropped to the ground and rolled towards the track. "What two fools we are," he said bitterly, "on such a day as this; with the mercury up to ninety, and with men in the city dropping down with the heat like sheep—to be working ourselves up into such a fever, and all over nothing!"

"Nothing?" echoed the girl with a shrill laugh. But the young man without seeming to notice the taunt, stooped and picked up the ring. Then the strong, sturdy figure bent supplicatingly before the girl. "Ret, dear Ret, I only ask for two days at the outside, and then I swear to you that I will explain it all to your perfect satisfaction. If not, I'll take the ring back, like a man."

While he was speaking, he had gradually drawn nearer and nearer the girl, and lifting the hand which hung listlessly at her side, he put the ring in the palm and gently closed the fingers over it. "I don't ask you to wear it. I don't want you to do that, until you can trust me fully. I'm only asking you to keep it and think it over. And I must go now. I've stayed too long as it is. Jones of the 'limited' was sun-struck this morning and carried off to the hospital, and they've ordered me to take his place. I've barely time to run up to the station and catch the train for Belmont and then put the limited through to Columbia. Heavens! how this heat pounds down on a fellow's

head. Don't hurry back to the house. It's safest to go slow in a spell of weather like this. And Ret—if you don't feel quite so hard towards me by the time the train is due, put a light in the window so that I can see it when I pass. 'Twill cheer me up wonderfully, for it takes a sight of nerve and pluck to put the limited through at the rate they now run it. What! not a word for me. Well, good bye! I think you'll be sorry for this."

With a wave of his hand he started up the track, and Ret still leaning against the tree, watched him until he passed out of sight. Then she looked down at the ring in her hand and made a gesture as if to fling it from her, but hesitated and finally thrust it into her pocket. "Better keep it," she said aloud, "I shall have the satisfaction of handing it back to him when he comes again with the same old story." When she came out from the shelter of the tree, she gasped for breath, so pitilessly did the sun's rays smite the parched earth, and the faint, little breeze that crept timidly up through the valley was like the breath from a furnace.

About half a mile below the tree, a little back from the track, and directly overlooking "Roaring Fork" and the railroad bridge spanning it, stood a small house. If a stranger had seen the little stream, shrunk by the mid-summer droughts to the dimensions of a mere thread of water, he would have smiled at the apparent absurdity of such an imposing name. But the "Fork" had its moods and some of them were turbulent enough to merit the title of "Roaring." As the girl entered the house her mother's voice greeted her, "Why Margaret! you look ready to drop. Where have you been in this broiling sun? I wouldn't go out again if I were you. It isn't a fit day to be walking."

As the sun mounted higher in the heavens, there was a corresponding climbing of the mercury. The sultriness became more and more oppressive. As the morning wore on, Ret's conscience began to put her through a vigorous catechising. "Had she not been unreasonable and childish in her mad outburst of anger? Why should she listen to a lot of tattlers and busy-bodies rather than to Dick, who had always been as open as the day and never deceived her in anything? Perhaps he had a good reason after all for staying away from the picnic. Why could she not have waited for the two days, to hear what he had to say for himself? Suppose anything should happen to him and she should never see him again. As she recalled the grieved look on his face as he had parted from her, and remembered all his tender care of her, and the readiness with which he had always given up his pleasure for hers—the recollections were as so many stabs to the girl's tortured heart.

Shortly after dinner, the loud mutter of thunder was heard, and on going to the door, Ret saw a few, suspicious, inky clouds just above the rim of the horizon. Deeper and deeper grew the roll of the thunder, and darker grew the clouds, piling up towards the zenith with frightful rapidity, until the entire northern sky was like a pall. At intervals of a few seconds, this sombre curtain was rent from top to bottom by vivid streaks of lightning. The little puffs of air that came skurrying across the meadows, increased in volume, ushering in a furious gale which drove the rain before it in solid walls of water. In a short time, "the Fork" was running over its banks, converting the meadows into so many shallow lakes.

Mother and daughter had watched with anxious hearts the angry, swollen torrent ever creeping up—up—up, and bearing on its surface uprooted trees and bits of timber with occasionally a floating door or bit of roof from the wreck of some

chicken house or woodshed. Towards nightfall, there had been a temporary lull in the tempest, but with the gathering darkness it had broken out again with renewed fury. Ret stood by the window peering out into the gloom. Suddenly there came a terrific peal of thunder followed by a gust of wind that rocked the house on its foundations.

"Come away from the window Margaret," pleaded the girl's mother. "It's not safe to stand there with such sharp lightning."

"In a moment, mother. I'm only waiting for the down freight. It's always such a long heavy train. And the up express—the 'limited,' you know, is due in little over an hour. I am wondering if the bridge is safe! 'The Fork' is running like a mill race, and the pressure is something awful. There it comes now! I can see the headlight on the other side of the river."

After a moment's suspense Ret's voice rang out joyously, "The train is on the bridge, so I guess

it's all right. It's more than half way across. I know, because I've watched it so often and the light is just on a line with the tree in front of the house."

In her eagerness, she pressed her face close against the window pane. The light moved onward slowly and steadily, looking like some huge, fiery eye in the darkness. Suddenly the girl started back and passed her hand across her eyes. Was it a trick of the imagination? It certainly seemed as if the light dropped, with a downward rush like the flight of a falling star.

She looked again. The light had disappeared. There was nothing but the impenetrable gloom, and above the roaring of the wind and the rush of the hurrying waters came the sound of a dull crash that drove the blood from her cheeks.

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What With and How to Flavor

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

An otherwise plain dish is frequently redeemed by the savory "kitchen bouquet" or other flavoring. The French excel in a variety of flavors that are suggestive, but not so pronounced as to be traced directly to the source, by those partaking of the viands. For instance, they cut the clove of garlic and use the same knife to carve the roast. They cut a garlic, or onion, in half and rub the broiler or frying pan with it, the flavor being barely perceptible upon the steak or chop. Their gravy is made by chopping the third of a small silver-skinned onion very fine, and browning it in a hot skillet, with fresh lard or butter. Then flour is sprinkled over the fat and browned, about two tablespoonfuls of tomato juice is stirred into it, and just as it is poured out, hot water is added to thin it to proper consistency. The French say good cooks do not measure the salt and pepper. They know exactly what a given quantity requires.

Parsley, thyme, one pod of red pepper and a strip of horse radish, tied in a bunch, make a savory kitchen bouquet, for soup. It flavors, but does not make the soup. The bouquet is added to beef, chicken, or any kind of soup, and is removed before the soup is served. The pod of red pepper should have the tip end clipped off, as the pungent properties are in the seeds, encased securely in the skin, and unless cut, a whole pod would not impart the flavoring. Parsley is the most universal herb for flavoring and garnishing. It is used on roast meats, on fried and broiled meats and fowls. Soups, salads and made dishes are flavored with chopped parsley, and the edges of dishes are garnished with the green sprigs.

Celery is an essential in salads, and once used in soup, few housekeepers will dispense with it, whenever obtainable. Celery salt has somewhat superseded the fresh celery. It imparts just as good flavor, and is more convenient. Extracts of all kinds have superseded the use of the leaves, rinds and seeds once depended upon. Orange and sweet bay leaves used to be slightly crushed and then dropped into the custard, or whatever was to be flavored. Bay leaves are used in soup, in cordials, and custards. Lemon leaves have the same flavor as orange. Two or three leaves of either will flavor a quart of custard or cream. The taste is the same as the extract, chemically prepared and sold.

Custards for ice cream and whipped cream are delicious, when flavored with peach. Small switches or twigs are stripped of leaves, neatly trimmed of bark, tied in bundles of two or three, and used to stir the custard, or whip the cream. The flavor is like that of ripe peaches. Stones of peaches may be cracked, the kernels taken out and used for flavoring peach preserves. Prussic acid exists in peach kernels and in the sap of the tree, but the small modicum which the twigs or kernels impart is neutral.

Orange and lemon rinds impart the best flavor when grated directly into whatever is to be flavored. The essence is in the aromatic oil of the rind, which is released when grated. Ice cream requires a double quantity of extract, as it loses a large percentage in freezing. Custards should not receive extract until cold, as it evaporates in the process of cooling. An unwritten law makes vanilla the extract above all others for boiled custard. The same intangible reason exists for flavoring pear preserves with a clove stuck in

the bloom end of each pear; and apples with spices of cinnamon bark boiled in the syrup.

Association has endeared the tea cakes and sweet wafers flavored with coriander seeds. It would be a rude innovation of kitchen poetry to flavor any thing else with coriander seeds. White mustard seeds are for pickles. They are specially adapted to mango pickles and large, sweet peppers stuffed and pickled. White mustard seeds impart fine flavor and are very wholesome.

Citron or watermelon rind preserves are flavored with ginger. The white Jamaica ginger not only imparts rich flavor, but is ornamental to the preserves. Mint is the flavoring for roast lamb. The fresh mint leaves are crushed or cut and to one handful of leaves, four tablespoonfuls of good cider vinegar must be added.

Pulverized cayenne pepper in tiny pinches is much used by the French and Germans, in soup, salad or any thing that calls for black pepper to season.

The Belgian Hare in Cookery.

While it is now domesticated, the Belgian Hare yet comes under the head of game, such as squirrel, venison and wild duck. All such meats call for considerable amount of seasoning. Belgian Hare can be prepared for the table any way that chicken can, but must have more seasoning.

Roast Hare.—Wash the cleaned hare in salted water, freeing it from all coagulations. Rub the inside with an onion cut in two and salt and black pepper. Then have ready a dressing made of bread soaked in sweet milk, and seasoned with two eggs, tablespoonful of butter, salt and black pepper, chopped onion and parsley. Make the dressing dry enough to mold with the hands. Fill the hare and sew it up. Make flat cakes or round balls of all the left-over dressing. Now comes the particular point in having a savory dish. Fry a chopped onion in hot lard and before it gets brown lay the hare in the hot skillet and let it fry brown on all sides, turning it first one way then the other. Lay the browned hare in a baking pan, pour boiling water half the depth, sprinkle flour and black pepper over the upper side, and put small pieces of butter or lard all over it. Set in a brisk oven and baste every ten minutes by dipping up the gravy with a spoon and pouring it over the hare. When nicely browned and done through and through, serve with gravy made in the pan where the hare baked. Garnish with a hard boiled egg cut into rings and sprigs of parsley or water cress. This roast hare makes as fine a dish as turkey. Bake the left-over dressing in cakes or balls in the pan when the hare is cooking. The gravy seasons them nicely.

Fried Hare.—Cut in eight pieces, wash in salted water, roll in flour with salt and black pepper, and fry in hot lard until every piece is done through and through, and nicely browned. Fried hare cooks more evenly if there is enough hot fat to cover it, rather than having to turn the pieces in shallow fat. Garnish the dish with parsley or water cress. Fried puffs made of thin pieces of pastry fried a light brown and crisp, are relished with the hare.

Hare and Dumplings.—Cut into eight pieces and stew until perfectly tender, in boiling water enough to cover the hare. When half done, have

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Living or Dead.

They are not dead to us, who keep
Their long, unvexed, reposeful sleep
'Neath grassy coverlets, flower bespread;
For love abides though graves are deep,
And those who love are never dead.

But they are dead whose love has grown
To be the ghost of love alone.

Who meet us with averted eyes,
And air constrained and altered tone,
And chill and alien courtesies.

They move, accost us, and they seem
Like creatures of some weary dream;
So dead, so lost, so all estranged;
The fire which cheered us with its gleam
Into the veriest ashes changed!

While if our dear and living dead,
With soft, still smiles and noiseless tread,
Should come, some day, to the old place
There would not be a thought of dread
In their first rapture of embrace!

Oh strangely blended joy and pain!
Death turned to naught and life made vain,
Love's shade and substance still at strife;
Who shall decide between the twain,
Or which is death, and which is life?

Susan Coolidge.

Sister-readers, does not this sweet singer thrill a chord in your heart, sad or sweet? How true, how pitifully true her words. Yet, believe me, there is hope of resurrection, a new love-life, if one, usually the injured and loving heart remains true to inner and early ideals. Willing mutely but strongly to love and expect love as a reward, is an acceptable, living faith and prayer sure of an answer "some day." A dozen years of waiting are little, sad heart, if thus you win. Some have waited longer. Yet not waiting or loving only is the rule for success, but, in the wisdom of a real love, being patient but not slavish, tenderly forbearing but not blind, self-respecting but not selfish, strong enough to forgive, weak enough to suffer as a human being can, very tactful yet not scheming or "managing"—and where hearts were grown cold and love scarcely could find voice shall bloom purple heartsease and ring songs of joy.

Every heart has a hidden ideal, and a wish for real love from someone. Every nature has its angel side—and its animal side. Trusting, faithful woman hearts be not afraid to love too well. Pray, yes, but will also and thus help. God answer your prayers. Who is it has drifted away? Is it our child, our brother, or, alas! our other self, the husband? Let us bury our side of the question in a shroud of forbearance (not martyr-like or public) and resolve to love and wait for love in return.

As each life history has its own peculiar shades and circumstances, only a wise love can decide where and how and when, and how much to allow. There is a becoming anger, a just rebuke, a wisely severe punishment and there is a senseless self-annihilation, a sacrifice of an entire family for one; a whining, complaining spirit, a selfish jealousy. The one is a holy white flame; the other a murky red. Wise love allows for heredity and special temptations and temperaments, but is not morbidly swayed from just decisions by such facts, is only more patient.

Let us sweep our own doorsteps clean. Let us seek the dead, unloving members of our lives and win their love. A slow task—and a righteous. "Charity begins at home." Some good souls love the distant Chinese or Turk quite out of all proportion to "poor old father," or "mother who is so much bother, now that she is so old," and can more cheerfully stitch all day for the heathen than for an overburdened sister. How large the beam in our own eyes and how plainly we see the mote in our brother's or neighbor's

I wonder—I wonder whether we could be trained from childhood to see only the good of others clearly, and never see their faults or sins without saying, "In his or her place I might have been worse." "Our little pitchers have big ears," sisters, and I'm afraid some of our own careless criticisms work mischief. If we could only start over—no! but let us begin now at least.

What is good housekeeping, pray?

Why, only with a quiet grace

To do what seemeth best each day:

To brighten Love's abiding place;

To keep it clean—not too precise;

To make it cheerful that none may roam

Beyond a healthful and happy home.

Busy Mothers.

House cleaning days! Term of horror to ye average domestic-man. Legend of fear to chill the wary bachelor's heart! Into a civilized home comes a reign of semi-barbaric chaos. Even a bland type of woman loses her natural expression in a worried look. Briefly these days are severe tests of family relations and of religion.

Should this, need this be true? How far may one exert one's strength in so good a cause? Surely not beyond the limit where it interferes with or prevents filling higher duties such as nursing a child fitly, greeting

husband kindly, or having patience with our little folks.

A warning word. What if, when all is disturbed, comes illness, an accident, or death? Here some planning ahead repays. Divide the extra work; and you who are delicate do not set your gauge of duty by some buxom, boastful neighbor. A clean house is lovely but a pleasant, loving woman is lovelier.

When baby comes! God, make me good,
And rich in grace of motherhood:
Make white this woman's soul of mine,
And meet for this great gift of Thine,
In that glad time.

Selected.

Young Mothers.

The dear little innocents! Must they yield to rules? Consider this from the practical side. Shall you allow or teach habits for which later on punishment may be given—not to you, but to the blameless child? Has baby any ideas about diet or stomachs and shall you, supposedly wiser, give him anything he cries for? Well, he will cry for caterpillars, cucumbers, cheese, soap, poison bottles, etc.—or the moon! If he is taught to slap, "so cute," so will he not so cutely do when older. If allowed to throw playthings for you to pick up he will be your future tyrant, whereas, if you let him help mamma while a mere creeper he will know how to preserve his playthings. If you let him tear papers while an infant, as a child he will tear books and magazines.

The other day I visited a kindergarten. Twice, daily, classes of fifty wriggling beings were controlled, trained, diverted, educated—and without any nervous strain, no stress over fractious ones, no seeming attention to those evidently spoiled and petted at home, yet all controlled by a purposeful, gravely kind, stranger. Only a woman and what a task! One hundred beginners in life, no two alike save in some broadly general way. Mischief curbed, noise subdued—mothers try to visit a kindergarten thus in session.

Your keynote is clearer, stronger than hers; it is home love. She had but tact to divert the easily wearied minds pleasantly. And patience. With love, patience and tact, you have a trinity of keys to play music upon; yet what discords often rise. Don't expect too much but again, don't expect too little of a child.

"One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters."

Mother's Scrapbook.

The baby's first bed—what shall it be? There is a lingering sentiment for the cradles our grandmothers rocked while they worked. Baby himself prefers your arms—little tyrant! Cradles are, however, open to criticism and a stationary bed preferred for night use; for daytime diversion, pleasant exercises ending in cozy naps, certain jumpers are a treasure.

Baby's bedding is often a crying

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For the Children

Taming the Squirrels.

Has anyone ever wished, like me, that the birds and all the pretty wild animals could know their true friends, and so give us the pleasure of a more familiar acquaintance than we can enjoy while they appear to have for their watchword, "It is better to be



careful than sorry?" In a village near Rochester the grey squirrels have been so kindly treated that it is not uncommon now to have one come to you. My first experience with one was a great surprise. It was a sharp cold day, the first of the season. I had some nuts all ready for eating and when I called Bunny, Bunny, a squirrel came bounding across the



lawn like a kitten. When quite near me it stopped as if in doubt. I sat down and reached a nut to it which was taken and eagerly devoured; then another morsel was accepted. It now concluded to investigate this source of supply and began moving around me. I lost sight of it as it went behind me, but on turning my face forward again I found it perched on my knee having come up on the other side. After eating a little more, all the time



watching in every direction for possible enemies, it peered inside of my jacket, which was unfastened, then turned around and backed within it, close up against me, and contentedly finished its meal. It appeared to prefer helping itself to the nuts, for when I attempted to give it some, it vigorously pawed my fingers away. Its little feet were cold but its mouth felt warm as it was seeking in my hand for the last bits, that were too small to take at first.

Before leaving, it sat up on my knee, looking intently in my face. Suddenly there was a grey flash and the squirrel was on top of my head. As it leaped, a toe of one of its hind feet struck me in the eye. This I considered rather too close an acquaintance.

Of course some patient person had used plenty of time to gain the confidence of this squirrel and make him so tame, but one is well repaid, for it is very interesting and quite charming to have them so friendly.

A lady in our village was in the habit of putting nuts on a certain window sill for the squirrels, and one soon became a daily visitor. If, by any chance she failed to put out the nuts, the squirrel would stand up on the sill and look through the glass, evidently trying to attract her attention and induce her to provide the usual supply. It is surprising how tame they become with kind treatment.—*Minnie Darrow Cartwright.*

The Squirrel is King.

There's a season that's brimful of gladness and joy,
When the harpstrings of life gladly ring;
'Tis the bright golden autumn, unknown to alloy,
When the little brown squirrel is king.

When the bushy-tailed fellow is lord over all,
The woods are decked gayly to greet him,
While scarlet-tinged leaves from the poplar tree fall,
And dance o'er the meadows to meet him.

Thro' woodlands he scurries, by runlets he hurries,
To the hickory tree in the wold;
And as happy is he as a king ere could be,
Though he wears not a circlet of gold.

Heigho! to the monarch of dingle and hollow,
His praises let everyone sing;
For we must needs be merry, be happy and cheery,
When the little brown squirrel is king."

James L. Pequignot.

A Brave Little Girl.

The following letter tells its own pathetic little story of pain and suffering bravely borne, and carries a lesson of patience to old and young. Though the writer says she cannot go to school, the letter, which is just as written, shows that great pains has been taken with her education. It is written with lead pencil, but every character is perfectly formed and her thoughts are well-expressed. It goes without saying that Vick's Magazine will be sent her for several years to come.—*Editors.*



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My great grandma gave me an old bound volume of Vick's when I was a little tiny thing, and if I was brave when the doctor hurt me I could have it all day; but if I wasn't brave I couldn't. There is a lovely big pink rose in it, and a passion flower and lots of pretty pictures, and I have

kept it as nice as can be all these years, only I know it nearly all by heart. We don't have much to read because my father can't always work (in the rainy season, you know, and then sometimes it is dull, too,) and there are five of us children so it costs lots of money to live.

My brother will be big enough to deliver papers next year, and then he is going to get us the Youth's Companion. I wish I could go to school; all the others go and they take their lunch, so after mamma goes to help Mrs. Chamberlain sew, I am alone. I crocheted six yards of lace for this dollar. I got pretty tired sometimes.

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The Children's Flower Show.



The fourth annual Flower Show of the public schools of Rochester, N. Y. was held September 11th, 1903, under the auspices of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union.

To one who looks back to the first Flower Show, in 1900, the growth of the idea seems almost marvelous. The first year about three hundred packets of seed were distributed among the children in a few grades of six schools. In August of that year the first Flower Show was held. The showing was very creditable for a first attempt, and the interest manifested argued favorably for a continuance of the practice.

In 1901 nearly 25,000 packets of seed were purchased by the children, and the exhibition of that year was a great success in the number of entries made and the beautiful appearance of the rooms when all the flowers were placed. In 1902 another very successful exhibition was held, with still more encouraging results as to interest in the movement, in improvement of school grounds, in number of exhibits and beauty of display.

But previous exhibitions could not compare with the one lately held. This year over 37,000 packets of seed were bought by the children. For the last two years one large room at

the Mechanics Institute had sufficed for the display, though somewhat crowded. This year a second and still larger room was kindly offered for use by the Directors of the Institute. This additional space was doubly appreciated when the exhibits began to arrive. The children came singly and in crowds, big boys and little boys, big girls and little girls, bearing proudly the results of their labors at home and on the school grounds.

Though the season had been very unfavorable, the efforts of the children had triumphed over nature, and six long tables were loaded with flowers entered for competition, and, in addition, many were brought for decoration.

The Asters were the glory of the display. One long table was crowded with exhibits, and some of the blossoms would have done credit to a professional florist. The Nasturtiums, too, made a radiant show, and nearly all the flowers for which prizes were offered were represented in the display.

In vegetables both boys and girls competed for prizes, and to the credit of the latter it may be said that they carried off some good ones. The quantity of vegetables exhibited was greater than ever before, and some fine ones were shown. When school-gardens become a feature of every school, as we hope they will before many years Rochester children will readily fall into line for the work.

Every school in the city was represented by contributions. A number of the finest specimens exhibited were from school-grounds, and some of the schools made large exhibits, even the little kindergartners lending a helping hand.

The herbariums exhibited were objects of interest. Some specimens of flowers pressed and mounted by a boy only eight years old were neatly done, and quite correctly named. The eighth grade of one school made a large and carefully prepared exhibit of the leaves of trees. These specimens, which represented a year's work in "Nature Study," were all collected by the pupils; compositions had been written about them and other exercises had been based upon them. The work of pressing and mounting, which was very neatly

done, was all accomplished by the pupils out of school hours. A pretty collection of native Ferns, pressed and mounted, was shown by one school.

A mother, accompanied by a small boy, expressed her delight in the exhibition of flowers and her interest in the herbariums, saying: "I am so glad I came. It has done me so much good. I never attended such a show before and I did not dream that children could be interested in pressing and mounting flowers and leaves. I shall know what to do with my children now."

A number of our florists and nurserymen contributed liberally of flowers for decoration, also Mr. John Dunbar, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, and the two large rooms were adorned with a profusion of blossoms massed upon the tables, along the

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

Fall Planting.

There is doubtless a question in the minds of many about planting in the fall or waiting until spring. It may be that there are only a few trees, grape vines or berry bushes to be planted, but to those who need these few things it is a matter of importance.

The decision as to whether or not to buy and plant in the fall largely depends on where it is to be done. In the prairie States north of Texas I would say not to do it, but over a large portion of the country, especially east of Ohio and Kentucky, I would say to plant at that time. The objection to fall planting in the central part of the country is the damage that comes from the drying out of the tops and roots during following winter, before they have become firmly fixed in the ground. The sudden changes of temperature and especially the long and windy cold spells are very trying to newly planted trees. It is not so bad on berry bushes or anything that does not have much exposed surface above ground. Where the climate is moist and they are planted early enough to form rootlets before cold weather, there is likely to be ability to safely endure it; but when there are not roots with tender, absorbent parts, and in moist soil, to take up water to replenish that which is carried off through the tops there is sure to be injury done.

In many cases it is a decided advantage to plant in the fall. In nearly all parts of the East and South and on the Pacific Slope, this is true. Nor should the ordering be put off until late. The earlier the nursery-men have the orders the sooner they can prepare to fill them, and the sooner can they be delivered. The cost is usually a little less in fall than in spring, and sometimes the stock is of a better grade.

One thing that can be done almost anywhere is to buy nursery stock in the autumn and heel-in or bury until spring. Then it can be taken up and planted in good season, and often before it is possible to get it from the nurseries at that time of year. But the heeling-in must be well done. The soil should be sifted and tramped well between the roots after opening all large bundles, and the earth piled up to their tops. In the prairie region I used to literally bury all nursery stock that I got in the fall, and found that it paid to do it.

Orchard Suggestions.

When fruit trees attain bearing age give them the use of the entire ground, and do not rob them of the fertility and moisture by trying to take other crops from the land.

Common red clover is one of the best things to grow in an apple or pear orchard that is fruiting. Let it grow up and before the seed is ripe, that is, when in bloom, cut it down and let it lie. Fork some of the heaviest of it under the trees, but not close to their bodies. When it grows up again do the same way. This will enrich the ground and pay in fruit better than hay.

Poultry in orchards works very well. The space in which to run is just what chickens need and they do little or no harm to the fruit. They catch many harmful insects, which they turn to good use, instead of allowing them to injure the trees or fruit. The food that is given the chickens helps to enrich the soil of the orchard in the shape of manure, and it is either spread naturally or close at hand in the poultry houses.

Pick up the wormy and specked apples as they fall and give them to the cows, horses, sheep or anything that will eat them at once. This is one way to fight the insect pests and at the same time feed the stock. Apples are good food for milk cows. In some cases where the trees are headed very high, the stock may be turned in the orchard and allowed to eat the fruit as it falls. I have tried both these ways with success, and sometimes with damage to the trees, where the stock browsed them or seemed to prefer the apples that had not yet dropped.

The Headlight Grape.

Among the new grapes that I have had the pleasure of examining this year was the Headlight, which is one of the seedlings originated by artificial pollenization by Prof. T. V. Munson of Denison, Texas. Anyone who has not been at his place cannot realize the great work which he is doing for American grape culture. He grows seedlings by the thousand from the crosses which he is making every year and tests them in his vineyard for years before sending them out for a more extensive trial.

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The old method, which we once followed at our house, of heating the grapes and then expressing the juice is wrong. They should first be crushed in a cider mill if one is convenient, but if not then in any simple way with the hands that seems best. Everything must be very clean if good juice is to be obtained. Wash the grapes before crushing if they are in any measure dirty. Put them in a strong but loosely woven cloth sack. It may be hung up and twisted or pressed in any way to get out the juice. Put it over the fire to heat but use a double boiler or some way to prevent it coming in direct contact with the fire. To put it in a large granite iron vessel or stone jar in a common wash boiler of hot water will provide these conditions. Heat to any point from 180 F. to 200 F., by a thermometer, and not to the boiling point. The latter drives off the delicate flavor and gives it a cooked taste. Put no sugar nor anything else in it. Take it off the fire when hot enough and let it stand to

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THE CHILDREN'S FLOWER SHOW.

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In previous years the exhibits were simply given numbers. This year the child's name and number of school were put on each contribution. This made the work much easier; the children were pleased to have their names known as prize-winners; and the judges gave such impartial verdicts that there could be no criticism of this manner of conducting the affair. The exhibition was open from three p. m. to ten p. m. Most of the school children were present in the afternoon. The lower grades were accompanied by two teachers, which had a distinctly beneficial effect on the order maintained.

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The influence of the movement is beginning to show itself in many ways. The attendance at the exhibitions is large, and is not only composed of the children and their parents, but of those who are interested in educational and philanthropic enterprises, and lovers of flowers who come to see the beautiful display.

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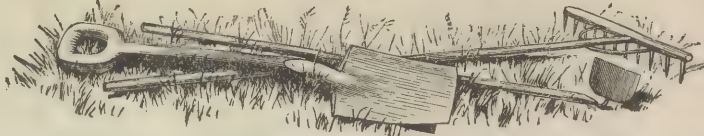
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But in my crown is seen.
Earth hath not such a glory
As October forests wear;
The heavens have not a pomp like that
October sunsets bear."

From the Months and Seasons.

Surely the brush of artist could never trace the glorious tints that October forests wear. We may be pardoned now, I think, if we turn our eyes and feet, too, from the rust and the dust of the garden, to feast for a time upon the glorious tints of Nature's tracing and wander for a little while along the forest pathways. The garden can wait now; long enough at least, for us to catch our breath, and I shall not scold very hard if now and then a day is stolen out to try titles with the squirrels in the nutting tournaments. Nature's book is wide open before us now, and earnest study of its pages will unfold rare beauties and bring us in closer touch with the loving Father of us all.

From my window, a strawberry bed lies in full view, busy in its own peculiar way storing its forces for the next years' fruitage. Had it seemed wise, the Creator of all could I suppose, load the vines with luscious ripened fruit just while I sit here and write. But his way is to ripen it by growth and development and so it requires many months of patient labor in its own mysterious plan to ripen the fruit. Just beyond this, the vine leaves are waving in the morning breeze; and the fruitage peeking out here and there are the pledges that the vines bring us as their offering. Back of this, a bank of green and gold tells us that the ripening corn is now ready for the harvest, and the reaper must lay aside the pen and grasp the sickle to engage in the sterner realities of life.

And this reminds me that while we are prone to take advantage of the lenity granted for the forest jaunts and nut-gatherings, that there are still many garden duties ahead; and thus we must rouse from our dreaming sometimes, to grapple with the duties that lie before us. So the month will be changeful after all, and with the pleasures and the dreamings will creep in the

October Duties.

Out there in the strawberry bed, the weeds are lifting their heads. They must not be allowed to rob the vines of moisture and fertility, as

that would be taking bread out of the mouths of the plant roots, and they require all they can get, so the weeds will have to be pulled up. Then the cucumber, the squash and melon vines, after their fruits are gathered in, must be removed, for they will, if left upon the ground, afford a harbor of refuge for the bugs and beetles. So we shall pull and burn the vines and incidentally singe the insect pests that are taking winter quarters in their shelter. Then, too, the corn, so beautiful this morning in its dress of green and gold, must be shocked and cured; and after that, the husking and gathering of the corn and stalks. Over beyond the corn rows, the beets, crowned in royal purple, are standing ready to sacrifice the beauty of their crowns to the cruel caprice of the gardener and his knife. They must be carefully guarded lest Jack Frost steals the march upon us some night, and grips them too close in his icy fingers. Then, over beyond them, are the rows of celery standing now, and we do not forget that Jack has a liking for that as well. So we must be on the alert lest he tries to meddle with that also. A little farther on, the apple boughs are bending under their load of green and gold and red. They are waving to and fro in the breeze this morning and beckoning us to hurry and relieve them of their load. And thus with all the beauties spreading out before us today, we hardly can find the time to stop and enjoy them. Then, too, the ground once cleaned of the present crops, must be covered with manure, and plowed also, provided old King Frost does not catch us too soon, and with his icy key lock us out. Thus nutting days may be few and far between for us, but we shall try and see that the wife and girls enjoy some of them, and shall encourage all the members of the Vick family to indulge in the same kind of wickedness (?). They, (the beauties) are ours, all ours, to enjoy, and if not present at the outings in body, I shall be there in spirit and wish you all the highest pleasures that they afford.

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Poultry Department

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Getting the Hens to Laying.

How to get the hens to laying during the cold days of early winter has been a great puzzle, and it is amusing to note the various plans that some people adopt in their efforts to bring about this result. The conditions of winter are very different from those of summer. Some persons seem to forget this and go at the task of trying to get winter eggs on about the same plans as they would in warm weather. If a hen has been so well cared for during the moulting season and early fall as to be in the pink of condition, I can see no reason, if we make her surroundings, as far as possible, like those in summer, why she should not produce a good many eggs through the winter. She needs warmth, a variety of nutritious food, and plenty of vigorous exercise. She should have a perfectly dry and warm house. I say perfectly dry; this is very important in housing poultry. I find that a great many of the so-called dry comfortable houses are very damp at times. At each driving rain storm the water comes in a little here and a little there, and this with the moisture from the fowls causes the building to be very damp at times. This should not be if you expect to keep the birds in the best of condition, and besides this there is great danger of roup in the flock from such damp exposure, and if this disease once gets a hold among your fowls, your efforts to get winter eggs will be in vain. Give them plenty of room. A room 8 by 12 is none to large for 25 hens and to this should be attached a run. Do not make the mistake of having one side of the building all glass. For a room 8 by 12 one sash will answer, or two at the most. Arrange the building and fixings so as to make it home-like for the hens. In feeding try to imitate nature as far as possible. Remember that in spring and summer they get the nutritious, but bulky food, grass; cut clover steamed and mixed with a little bran comes about as near taking the place of this as anything. A light feed of this each morning or evening will help wonderfully. Green cut meat and bone answer in place of the bugs and insects and a little should be fed each day, say one pound to 18 or 20 fowls. Next, if you can learn to regulate the amount to feed the hens daily or at each meal, you will stand a good show of being a successful winter poultry man. For each fowl of the small varieties, give one ounce and to the larger breeds one and quarter to one and a third ounce of a mash made up as follows: equal parts of wheat bran, middlings,

ground oats, corn meal and animal meal, wet up with skim milk if you have it, and feed one half of this amount in morning and balance at night or towards evening. By giving a light feed of the mash the hens are more free to take exercise in search of dry grain which should be scattered in the litter more or less the entire time, the exercise which they get serves as an invigorating tonic, keeps away disease and bad habits. It is fully as important as the food itself. Cabbage, beets, and other green stuff should not be forgotten. Use your own good judgment in varying from the above rules as the condition of the hens may require. Experience and close observation are the best teachers.


Green Food for Winter.

A supply of green stuff for winter feeding should not be overlooked and now is a good time to lay it away. Hens will eat almost any kind of green food. Turnips are good when cooked and mashed with ground feed. I hear some arguments as to the value of mangels and sugar beets for poultry. It is claimed by some that the mangels are of little value as a food on account of the large percent of water which they contain, there being less water in the sugar beets they are of much greater value as a food for poultry. If the large beets or mangels are cut in halves and placed on spikes or nails driven in the wall about one and a half or two feet up from the floor the fowls will pick the meat out very close. Cabbage are excellent as a winter feed, but have a tendency to cause diarrhoea when fed too freely, and on account of their being more difficult to keep than the beets they are used less as a poultry food. Our plan of keeping them for winter use has proved very satisfactory and is as follows; when harvested they are pulled up by the roots and carted to a place where it is dry and there is plenty of leaves for covering. The place selected should slope gently so there will be no standing water. Place the cabbage heads down in rows as

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Neglect to give a proper amount of green food to fowls that are in confinement, I believe is the cause of one half the sickness among the hens in the spring of the year. When the premises are small and the owner is not able to raise a sufficient quantity of vegetables for his fowls, he should look out and secure some of farmers when they are drawing to market. Often a quantity of small potatoes may be had of farmers at a very low price, and these are good to cook and mix in the mash. Turnips and beets of inferior size can also be purchased cheaply if one is on the lookout so as to find them. Sow some kale in the early fall for winter feed. It will keep green for a long time after cold

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The fact of there being a scarcity of gritty material on this place may have caused the hens to pick up material in the shape of broken glass or other very sharp substances, which might cut or irritate the gizzard or other organs sufficient to cause a growth in shape of a kernel. Some crockery is very hard and the sharp points might do injury to the birds, but as a rule I do not think that dishes properly broken up will do harm when used as a grit.

The stoppage of passage by the kernel may have had something to do with the broken eggs, in the way of not allowing a sufficient amount of

shell material to be supplied, but more likely was the result of external injury.

Common Sense Incubation.

This is written by a farmer for the farmer. I find that a great many very fine articles written by fanciers, on the various poultry subjects, are not easily applied by the average farmer, who as a rule gives but scant attention to his poultry. He doubtless reads of the easy ways of raising fowls; one hundred per cent hatches by means of incubators; easy and sure way of rearing his birds by the brooder, etc. He knows however, that he does not succeed in this manner and either thinks the writer is stretching the truth, or that he himself is incapable of learning or applying that which he reads. The fact of the matter is, that the average fancier keeps a few fowls on a small plot in either city or town or else has a large

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Poultry Department.

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plant and devotes all his time and energy to the rearing of poultry. In either case he has usually ample time to attend to incubation by artificial means and judging from reports succeeds fairly well. But the farmer—he has a large acreage, and incubation is carried on at a time of year when he is very busy putting in his crops. He raises from seventy-five to one hundred fifty chicks; has no incubator or brooder house and is fortunate if he even has a decent poultry house. For a person so situated and raising no larger crop of birds than above, I claim it the height of nonsense to invest in incubators and brooders. They are all right in their places. Every incubator manufacturer claims he has a machine that comes nearest the natural method. He has a wonderful regulator non-exploding lamp; self-turning appliance etc., beside this he will sell you a brooder that will do wonders in the rearing of chicks. Now a farmer may read all this and invest his good money only to meet with failure. Not because of poor machines but because he did not attend them properly. But he is sure to lay the blame on the manufacturer.

The farmer raising a few chickens for market and home use can use some of these same fowls as incubators and brooders. The beauty of it is: They are a combined machine. Old "bid-dy" will not get too hot and set fire to her nest or too cold and chill the eggs. Her temperature is perfect, she will turn eggs at right time, and by means of her wonderful feathers, each a separate valve, will ventilate the eggs and nest in the most approved and scientific manner. If outside temperature is high she will often stand up with wings spread out to cool her nest, or in case of windy or chilly weather she hugs her clutch closely. Her master need not bother much with her, keep her free of lice allow her feed, water and grit, and a quiet corner and she will attend to the rest. The hen needs a rest after laying the quota of eggs, and the best means of utilizing the desire is to use her as an incubator. When she is running at large with the brood and is forgotten at feed time, she will see that her young get something to eat. At this date, April 14, I have hatched 135 chicks with hens, 130 of which are living, five having gone to their long rest; one killed by rats, one drowned, and three from lack of vitality. The hatches have been nearly one hundred per cent so far except in one case. I got but two chicks from thirteen eggs. This hen was shut out from her nest over night. I am a friend of the old hen; give her a chance and she will make you more profit than any other stock on your farm; and right here let me say that it is no trick to produce eggs in winter. The last two years I got more eggs during cold weather than during summer. Last February one

pen of Buff Orpingtons laid during the twenty-eight days 434 eggs. There were nineteen pullets in the pen.

F. W. Wilson.

In the Garden.

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The young plants of nearly all varieties are small and tender at first and are easily choked out by weeds. They should all be sown in thoroughly prepared soil; early in spring in drills sixteen to eighteen inches apart, and thinned in the rows to ten to sixteen inches, according to habit of growth. The sorts grown for the seed must of course be allowed to mature before gathering, as dill, caraway, etc. Those grown for the leaves and stems, are most of them in their highest perfection when coming into bloom. They should be gathered then and allowed to wilt in the sun, then dried in the shade. These herbs are easiest handled by gathering and tying in bunches when cut, and many useful hints as to their preparation may be gathered by visiting and studying the markets to learn those in greatest demand, and how they are put up.

Following is the list of those in greatest demand: Anise, grown from the seed, sow early and thin to six or eight plants to the foot. Balm, a perennial grown for the leaves. It is easily propagated by dividing the roots, and is also grown from the seed.

Caraway, cultivated for its seed. Sow in drills three feet apart and, if necessary, thin out. If sown in spring it is not apt to bear seed the first season. But if sown in August will produce a crop the following year.

Coriander.—Sow early in spring and gather in dry weather. Avoid bruising the stems or leaves in handling as they have a strong disagreeable odor which is imparted to the seed.

Sweet Fennel.—The leaves are largely used in soups and salads, and sometimes the seed is used by confectioners. It is cultivated same as anise and the curing would depend upon whether sold for the seed or the leaves only.

Saffron is cultivated for the flowers which are used in dyeing and the manufacture of cosmetic powder, and would, of course, be gathered when the blossoms were in prime.

Sage is doubtless more extensively used than any other herb. The culture and curing are the same as for other leaf and stem herbs. If sown early, it will give a good crop the first season, and if the roots are divided the following spring, the second crop will be better than the first. After the second crop the roots may as well be dug up and thrown away; so to insure steady crops with best results, sowings should be made every spring.

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The editor of this department is desirous of testing the garden pulse of Vick's readers to learn, if possible, whether gardening is now epidemic. To this end we earnestly desire our readers to furnish us a brief summary of the garden work of the past season. Just tell us briefly what you have done and how you did it and also the results. Make the letters brief as we wish to use as many as possible. They should reach us not later than November 5, to be in time for December issue. We want to hear from the large as well as the small gardens; as it ought to interest us all to know what has been done. Address Editor garden department, care of Vick's Magazine, Rochester, N. Y., and let us see how many we shall hear from.

Note.—Request has been made for cultural directions for growing horseradish, and as space forbids to give them in this number we will endeavor to answer fully in November issue.

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MOTHER'S MEETING.

(Continued from Page Eleven.)

shame. Embroideries and lace everywhere on his clothes but no change of mattress or pads, blankets, pillows, or quilts and all babies so liable to need frequent changes. Be liberal in providing diapers, bibs, and bedding. There is need of a waterproof sheet and several pads for the bed. These pads can be bought or made at home. Have them wide enough to tuck under. Use hair for the pillows as feathers sweat the head and injure any naturally delicate child. "Keep the head cool." Let the pillow be thin and as long as crib, so baby can grow straight of back nor slide off one end of his pillow and smother—as did one of my friend's children. Only one make of crib do I know which is made as a woman would wish it.

A baby's mattress should be sunned, aired and changed about weekly. The pads must be washed weekly, the quilts sunned, pillows aired, and all diapers used but once ere washing.

Mothers as Nurses.

Keep witch hazel on hand. Baby will receive too many bumps and bruises to record. Apply witch hazel liberally. Castor oil is good in its place. When the second summer baby discovers green apples are forbidden fruit in this Eden he lives in, give him not only a reproof but a teaspoonful of castor oil. It is wiser to not do so but peppermint disguises the taste.

On feverish nights a nervous child cannot rest. Bathe off the back and limbs with alcohol or saleratus water, or salt water—a mere sponging; then rub with your hand and talk soothingly and low. Ice water cannot be given at times, but chipped ice wrapped in a cloth can be held in the mouth. Junkets made with junket tablets are an unrivalled food. A custard could not be given where junket would be nourishing and relished. Babies love junkets.

Rice jelly is grand for sick, teething weanlings. Now-a-days so few women devote themselves to nursing properly, that one doctor says that out of fifty cases of cholera infantum only one was a nursing. The wisely fed bottle baby has more chances than the supposedly favored nursing when its mother either can not or will not live up to and for her mission.

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To answer e'en a faint
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To weep with grief.
I pass this way but once and pause
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Life in the Coldest Countries.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

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George B. Griffith.

Frightening Children.

(One of our Prize Articles.)

I have frequently heard that it takes old maids to tell how husbands and children should be managed best, but I know any sensible person, either married or single will agree with me on this subject.

No matter how strong your child is, don't allow him to be frightened if you can help it, and never allow it for "just the fun of the thing," or to command obedience from him. Much better if parents would use a little switch, if necessary, than to frighten a child into obedience by "bugbears" and make a nervous little coward of him.

I wish to tell a story which I know to be true, of a family in which were two boys of seven and five years respectively. The family had a number of boarders who were employed to work on a new pike near. Nothing seemed to please some of these men more than teasing these little fellows in one way or another.

Well, one day these men killed an opossum and brought it home, and threw it at the children with a "warwhoop" that nearly sent them into fits. The animal was skinned and the hide hung up where it was kept to frighten those helpless children just for the fun of seeing them hide when the men would approach the house. They would even scream out in their sleep and beg for them not to put it on them. The father would sometimes remonstrate, but often enjoyed a laugh over what to him seemed harmless fun. But the stepmother, who was a sensible woman, determined to put a stop to the matter, and one day she encouraged the boys to dispose of the opossum while their tormentors were away. So they took a long pole and carried it to the garden and placed it in a hole they had prepared for its reception and buried it.

But how thoughtless to have allowed such torment. Many a weak child would have been hurried to its grave or been a mental wreck from such brutal treatment.

Emma A. Smith.

The Belgian Hare in Cookery.

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some thin pastry cut into squares and finger-length pieces and carefully drop them in among, between, and over the pieces of hare. Season the stew with salt, black pepper, parsley, thyme, and any other pot herb taste may dictate. One small pod of red pepper cut into bits adds to the taste of the stew. Serve with the dumplings evenly distributed in the dish and the gravy poured over the hare and dumplings.

Hare Pie.—The same formula as for chicken pie is adopted. Cut the hare in eight pieces, season with salt and black pepper, and boil until perfectly tender. Line a deep dish or pan with pastry, and lay the hare in, with strips of the pastry between the layers. When full to the top, pour the liquor the hare was boiled in to fill the

dish. Have plenty of this seasoned liquor. A dry meat pie never is as savory as one with plenty of gravy. Season with chopped parsley, thyme or any pot herb preferred. Put on the top crust, carefully crimping the edges, and prick it with a fork to let out the steam, and set in a moderate oven until brown and done.

Hare for Breakfast.—Clean and salt the hare the night before, and as soon as the fire is started for breakfast, have some lard very hot in the frying pan. Fry brown first one side and then the other of the hare which should have been split open and laid flat. Then put it into a baking pan with enough hot water to half cover it; season with salt, black pepper, and sprinkle flour with bits of butter all over it; baste every ten minutes and keep the fire brisk until the hare is tender and nicely browned.

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TALKS ABOUT FLOWERS.

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house before freezing weather can harm them. Most of this work will probably be done in September. If possible, keep the roses, etc., in a rather cool room, without a fire, for a number of weeks; do not put them down cellar immediately after bringing from the garden. Roses generally prove a failure in the average living room; but some of the other plants may bloom, if they haven't flowered during the summer.

Gladioli montbretias, tigridias, cannas, and dahlias should be lifted this month and got under cover. Sometimes they can be left as late as November—and in the case of dahlias and cannas, this is often a good idea—but they should all be lifted before the stalks are completely dead, and before the ground freezes deep enough to harm the bulbs. Except in rare instances, the gladiolus will not live through the winter, and out of doors, at the North. It should be carefully housed, especially if the varieties are choice. If you care to experiment, select the hardier and commoner varieties.

In digging the bulbs of gladiolus, work the spading fork carefully around them and pull gently from the ground. This is pleasant work, since there are usually many joyful surprises, in form of large, fat bulbs adhering to the ones you planted in Spring. Arrange the newly-discovered treasures on some boards, and let them remain, fully exposed to the sun for a day or two, until the dirt is thoroughly dry and readily dislodges. Better remove to the house at night, if it seems likely to rain, otherwise, cover with blankets. The bulbs with the tops and roots still adhering, may be stored for several weeks in baskets or boxes in a cool, airy room.

When thoroughly ripened, and it is time to store away for winter, cut back the tops and remove the new bulbs from the old ones. The latter should be discarded; the former put in sacks or boxes—sometimes in boxes of dry sand—and stored in a dry, frost-proof cellar. The husky covering should not be removed from the bulbs until planting time, in May. Montbretias and tigridias can be treated in the same way as advised for the gladiolus. But in lifting dahlias and cannas from the ground, and in treating them afterwards, mar the tubers as little as possible. When thoroughly ripened, cut back the tops to within a few inches of the neck of each tuber, and store in a frost-proof cellar, or in a cool, dark closet in the living rooms. It is a good plan to put the tubers in boxes of dry sand or other soil.

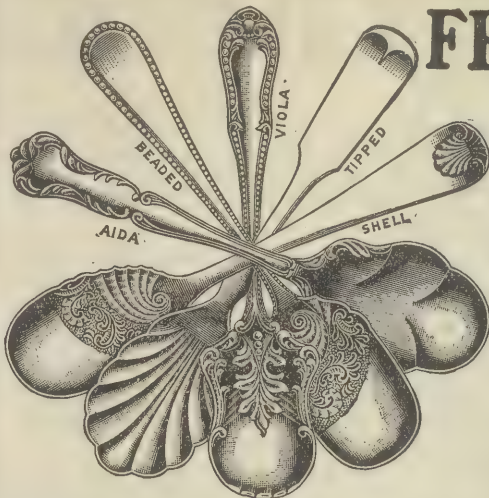
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Helps and Hints

Care of Lamps.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

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For my part I can't blame the man who has to choose between the dingy, smoky lamp and the bright lights of the public house, if he chooses the latter. If I had to try to read by the lamps seen in some homes I'm not sure but I should run away and go to sea or join the army.

Now bring out all the lamps and set them on this old newspaper (thank goodness, newspapers are cheaper than when I was a child; we can afford to have plenty), make a nice suds in the dishpan and with a mop kept for the purpose, wash, rinse in hot water and wipe on a dry towel, each lamp chimney separately. Put the burners in an old dish, and if you have it, cover with the water drained from beans after parboiling, and let them boil while cleaning the balance of the lamps. If you haven't it, use a good strong suds to boil them in, lift out with an old fork and rub them dry and clean. The bean water is best as it will make them look like new burners, and without scouring them, too.

Burn up the old wicks if you have plenty of new ones, although they can be boiled in strong soap suds and washed so that they will do, but they will never give as good a light as new wicks will. Some say soak the wicks in vinegar and others say soak them in salt water, but I prefer a new wick just as it comes from the store. Wicks must be very carefully dried if you try any of these experiments for once returned to the oil while wet and ye bid farewell to a good light.

Empty the lamp reservoirs and with soft old rags wipe them out until they are perfectly clean and shining. A wooden skewer or an old three-tined fork will aid in this disagreeable job. Refill the lamps with oil strained through cheese cloth or a bit of cotton flannel; you will be surprised at the amount of dirt you take out of it by so doing. Leave a little space in the bowl. Put in your new wicks and trim them straight across with sharp scissors, adjust the burners and turn the wicks below the top of the wick tube so there will be no flow of oil to the outside of the lamp and burner. Polish the chimneys with chamois skin or old newspapers crushed until soft, put them on the lamps and congratulate yourself that you will have a light that you will not wish you could "hide under a bushel" when your neighbor calls this evening.

A daily cleaning of the chimneys, filling of the reservoirs, trimming of the wicks, and general wiping off of the burners and lamps will now keep your lamps in order for a month if

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Always turn the wick down instead of blowing out the light and always grasp the chimney at the base instead of leaving finger marks about the centre or top of it, when lighting the lamp.

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Eleanor R. Bartlett.

The Medicine Closet.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

There should be in every household a certain place set apart for the medical preparations used in the family. This place may be a box, a drawer, or a small cupboard or closet; but whatever place is chosen it should be furnished with lock and key, and the key kept out of the reach of children.

A small closet with shelves and drawers is the most convenient, as in it every thing can have its proper place and be found at a moment's notice. This is very essential in case of accidents, as a few moments delay in serious cases may cost a life.

A drawer should be kept especially for bandages and these, in various widths should be neatly rolled and covered with tissue paper rolled on in the same way and the ends twisted to protect from dust. Needles and thread for sewing the bandages when necessary, and pins for other uses should be found in a corner of this drawer. Court plaster and adhesive salves should be found in every home, especially where there are small children.

Liniments for lameness, oil of peppermint for neuralgia, oil of cloves for toothache, and camphorated oil for earache and cold on the chest, are some of the essentials. The liquid medicines should have a shelf and the pills and powders a small drawer. A shelf with a separate lock is advisable for such things as carbolic acid and other poisons which might possibly be taken by mistake if kept on the shelf with medicines.

Citric acid in the crystal may be kept in a glass can well sealed. This is so convenient to use for a cooling drink when lemons can not be procured that it should be kept for that purpose. A solution of the acid in water may be used for medicinal purposes wherever lemon juice is recommended.

Powdered borax is another article that should always be kept in the house. Those who have only used it to soften the water for bathing or in the laundry will do well to become acquainted with it as a medical agent. There is nothing more soothing to inflamed eyes than a wash of tepid water in which has been dissolved a little powdered borax, about a half teaspoonful in a large cupful of water. As a gargle for sore throat it is excellent made rather stronger than the above wash, and also for baby's sore mouth. The old remedy for thrush was borax and honey which is hard to improve upon.

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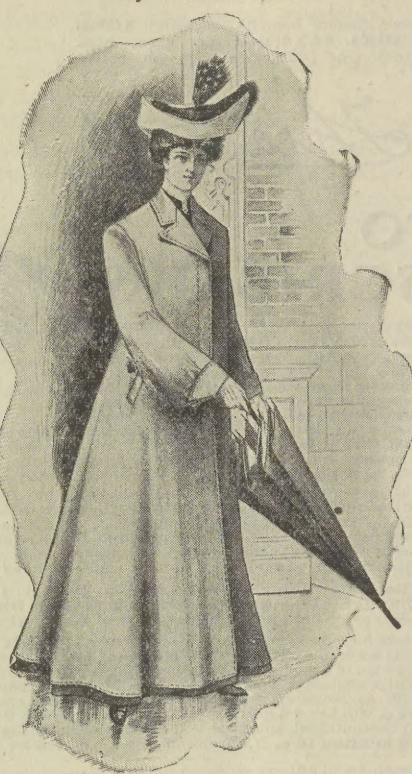
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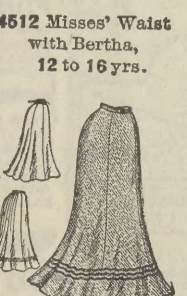
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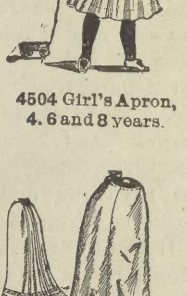
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—Elizabeth Alden Curtis.

Fall Planting.

At a convention of American nurserymen held not long ago, the question arose as to whether trees and plants were dug too early in the fall. While it is a question that more nearly concerns the grower of trees and plants than the planter, it is worthy of close consideration on the part of the latter.

That fall planting of nearly all trees and shrubs is preferable to spring planting has long been the feeling among growers who have studied the varied phases of nature. Unfortunately, planters who set out trees, either fruit or ornamental, shrubs or roses, in the fall, are apt to want them so early, that the grower, to satisfy the demand, is obliged to dig and ship them before they have properly matured. The result is a large percentage of loss, which, of late years, has had the effect of practically doing away with fall planting, a serious mishap.

Trees and shrubs which have reached a proper stage of maturity are best planted in the fall, from the fact that they are dormant, or nearly so, so far as the trunk and tops are concerned. The sap is stored in the roots, and hence the tree or shrub planted in the fall will take hold of the soil and make a strong root growth before the severe winter weather sets in.

When, however, these trees and shrubs are taken up in the fall before they have reached the proper stage of maturity, that is, the maturity of the past season's growth, they are weakened and unable to stand the winter.

While the grower and dealer are largely to blame for this state of affairs, by reason of taking up these trees and plants contrary to the laws of nature, which, in this connection, they thoroughly understand, the planter should bear the most blame for demanding an early delivery of the trees and plants.

We may see from these facts that to a great extent we control the movements of the nurserymen and florists, forcing them, for the sake of trade, to do things they know are contrary to the best interests of the planter.

It may be advisable to answer here the question so frequently put to me "Is it better to plant trees and shrubs in the fall or spring?" My experience leads me to the conclusion that, with the exception of peach trees, fall planting is preferable to spring in the moderate climates. In the far West and Northwest it might be policy not to plant in the fall, for the



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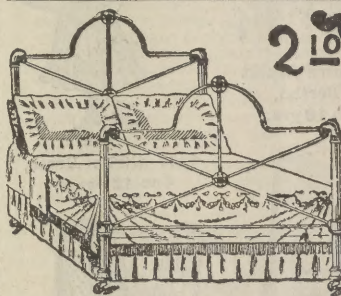
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